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RHS Students Say "We Care" with Letters, Packages to U.S. Military Personnel Stationed Overseas

By Kristi Stephens

The holiday season will be a little brighter for quite a few military personnel stationed overseas, thanks to a recent collaboration between Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9568 and students at Romulus High School.

The two groups got together when the local VFW asked students for help in a holiday letter-writing and care-package campaign. English teachers Ann Scott and Winifred Wafer saw the request as a perfect service-learning opportunity.

In order for students to gain a better understanding of what life is like for the people they would be writing to, Air Force Staff Sergeant Galynn Hermann talked to them about her own experience of being deployed overseas dur-

ing the holidays when she served her country in the Desert Storm conflict. She made it clear just how important a word or gift from "back home" can be in keeping up a soldier's morale.

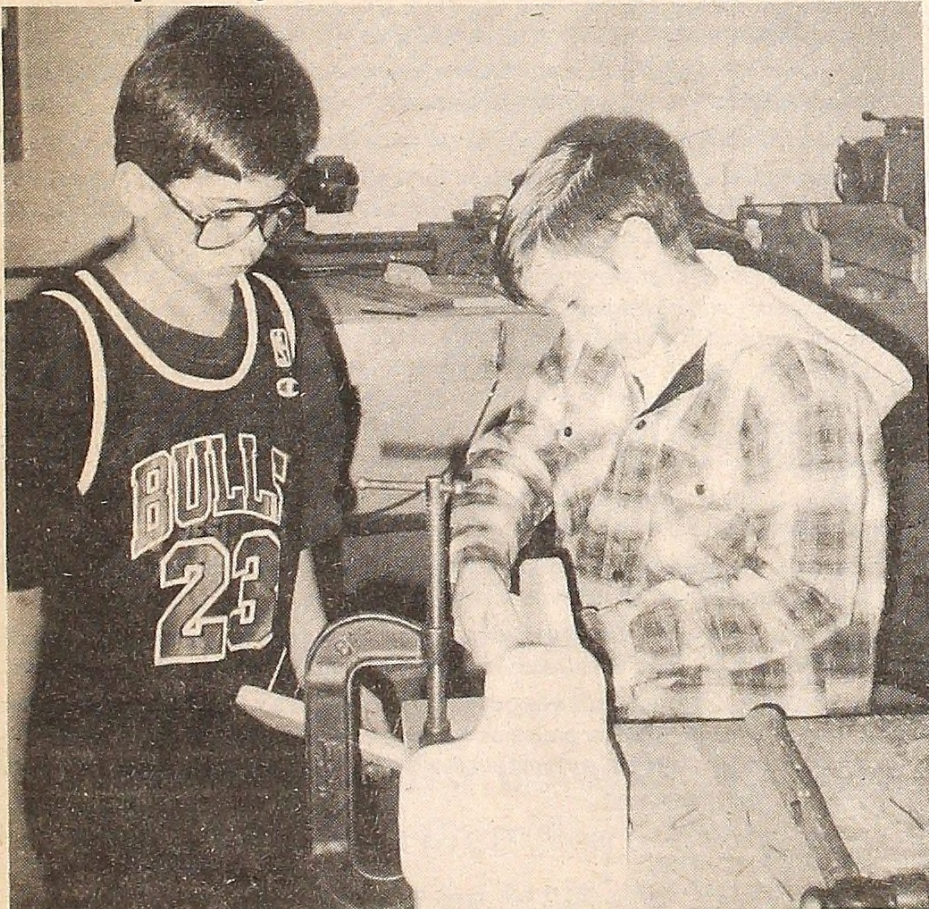
Later, students worked hard to compose thoughtful letters and put together "we care" packages for men and women who will be stationed in Bosnia and Saudi Arabia during the holidays.

On Thursday, December 5, VFW Post #9568 held a brief ceremony to thank the students who had participated in their letter-writing/care-package project. Post members Bill Wrijil, Ben Ruffolo, Tom Greca, and Doug Harden were on hand to present Rebecca Oleszkowicz (as the representative from Ms. Scott's class) and Telisha Higgins (Ms. Wafer's class representative) with framed certificates. □



(From left) Bill Wrijil, Ben Ruffolo, Tom Greca, Rebecca Oleszkowicz, Doug Harden, and Telisha Higgins.

Shop Project Benefits Helping Hand



Over 40 students from Romulus Middle School teacher Frank Zarzycki's shop class recently volunteered their time and skills to assemble and paint 50 wagons, which were sold for \$20 each to raise money for the Helping Hand Thrift Shop in Romulus. (Pictured, left to right: Anthony Jezlerski and Matthew Bunch assemble seats for the wagons.)

Bennett Bill Prohibits Bogus Property Liens

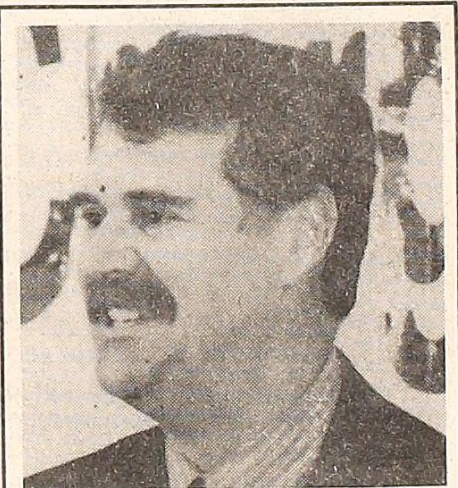
A bill recently passed by the Michigan legislature will protect Michigan property owners against individuals who place false liens on property as a form of intimidation and harassment, according to Senator Loren Bennett.

Bennett said he introduced the legislation after a Westland constituent brought to his attention the fact that current laws do not require notification of the property owner, nor a full and fair accounting of the facts, in order to place a lien.

"At first, I simply wanted to close that loophole," Bennett said. "It didn't seem right that any lien – false or legitimate – could be placed upon a person's property without that person being notified and without proper justification being provided."

Bennett explained that, as he proceeded with the bill, he was contacted by law-enforcement personnel who supported his action.

"Evidently, it is not uncommon for antigovernment groups to place false liens against the property of police officers and other public officials as a means of harassment. Now, not only will the property owner be notified and provided with a full and fair accounting of



Senator Loren Bennett

the facts; but, if an individual files a lien without lawful cause and with intent to harass, that individual may be charged with a felony offense."

A companion bill provides penalties for engaging in such activity. Penalties include imprisonment for up to three years, or a fine of up to \$5000, or both. In addition, the court may award the landowner all the costs of the action, including actual attorney fees and damages incurred due to the action.

The bill now awaits the Governor's signature. □

Letter to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Reader Says She's Had Enough of Untruths

Dear editor:

As a concerned citizen and resident of the area, as well as a mother of three children, I feel an obligation to reveal the truth about R.P. Lilly.

This man is constantly seen at Romulus City Council meetings, preaching his version of goodness and honesty to the public via the cable telecasts of these meetings.

It is, in fact, wonderful for him to establish plaques and trees memorializing those who have served in public office and have since passed away. What is *not* wonderful about R.P. Lilly is his continued effort to misrepresent the facts and to tell partial truths intentionally spun to mislead people. His misrepresentations and half-truths are even more atrocious when he says that all he wants to do is "tell the truth" – right after he has purposely misrepresented the facts.

One clear example of Mr. Lilly's effort to mislead the public occurred at the November 25, 1996 meeting of the Romulus City Council, where Lilly repeated a statement made by Judge Claudia Morcom at a hearing in *The City of Romulus v. Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.* case. At the Council meeting, Lilly told the audience that Morcom made a statement to the effect that TRUTH (Taylor and Romulus United for Truth and Honesty) had sent a letter to the Court, and that this kind of effort to influence the Court would not be tolerated – and, if continued, could result in criminal charges.

Judge Morcom did make that statement. I was at the hearing and heard her say it. So, when Lilly repeated that small portion of Morcom's statement, he wasn't lying – but he wasn't telling the whole truth, either. That's because Lilly *omitted* what Morcom said about having received a number of *other* mailings which included copies of newspaper articles and advertisements, and that these were also improper because they were an attempt to draw the Court's attention to information that may or may not be factual, and that had not come through the proper channels that must be used for legal proceedings.

Why is the rest of Morcom's statement (which Lilly neglected to repeat at the Council meeting) important? It's important because Lilly also claimed that his RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) group has never tried to influence or bring about any influence in the lawsuits – and that's not true!

In fact, Lilly has provided me and others with a copy of a letter addressed to Judge Morcom from RECAP, and told me it had been sent to the judge. This letter – dated February 22, 1995 – stated:

"We the members of RECAP of Romulus represent the views of a majority of citizens of Romulus. We cannot understand how this company Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) can openly criticize your ruling on the zoning of this facility and publish this type of criticism in newsletters sent by massive mailing to the community and also publish it in local newspapers.

"This seems unfair criticism to us. We are not trying to interfere with this court case, but we felt you should be aware of this, since they are using your name in their propaganda. Please find enclosed newspaper ads and a letter mailed to the taxpayers of Romulus."

So, on the one hand, RECAP sent an improper letter with improper enclosures to Judge Morcom – while, on the other hand, Lilly is speaking to the public at Council meetings and telling the people that RECAP would never do such a thing. *This is a man who twists the facts to hurt others.* This is *not* an example of the actions of an honest or ethical person, and certainly *not* those of a true "environmentalist."

I refuse to associate with Lilly because he uses intimidation as a means to persuade others to believe his lies and distortions. Lilly has threatened me and others, unsuccessfully. We will *not* give in to his tactics.

Unfortunately, this is *not* just an isolated event, but a trend that has been going on for a long time. Lilly is just *not* about truth, honesty, or ethics. It is sad to see members of RECAP influenced so strongly by Lilly's behavior. Someone or some group should publicly correct Lilly each time he twists the truth.

This writer has had *enough* of Lilly's representations, partial truths, untruths, and intimidation. This writer plans to publicly present the truth each time Lilly misrepresents facts. I promise the residents of the area that *my* statements will be based on fact.

A copy of RECAP's letter and Judge Morcom's transcript are attached to this letter, and will be provided to the Romulus City Council and the Mayor.

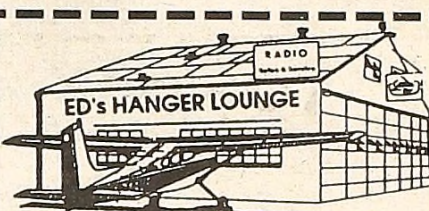
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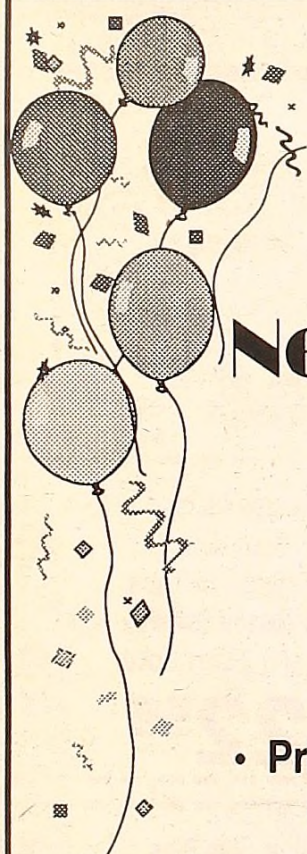


Members of Daisy Troop #248 visit with Santa Claus during the Romulus Recreation Department's "Lunch with Santa" program. Pictured (from left) are: (back row) April Berrow, Santa, and Amy Cronk; (middle row) Kate Guile, Danielle Moomaw, and Cassandra Ray; (front row) Caitlyn Tkachuk, Lexy Wilson, and Shannon Pierce. (photo: Donna Tkachuk, troop leader)

A delicious hot-dog lunch was enjoyed by 25 local youths who stopped in at the Romulus Recreation Department on Saturday, December 14, to share a meal — and their holiday wishes — with the Jolly Old Elf himself.

A total of 38 people were in attendance overall.

Recreation staff members would like to thank senior-citizen volunteer Thelma Ballard, who provided the entertainment by playing the organ while children sang Christmas carols, and Gloria Fitzgerald and Jackie Pregler, who also volunteered their time and contributed to the success of the event.



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Travelers are advised to plan on arriving at the Airport two hours before a domestic flight and three hours before an international flight. Passengers can expect crowded curb fronts, longer check-in lines, and backups

at the passenger screening check points.

Plenty of parking will be available. Information regarding individual Airport lots is available toll-free by calling the DTW parking hot-line at 800-642-1978.

Other tips:

- It is important to remember to bring photo ID to the Airport. Curb fronts will be reserved for active loading and unloading only.
- It is not a good idea to attempt to carry on a gift-wrapped package. (If the screening device can't read the contents of the package, it will be opened by security personnel.)
- To learn which airlines fly out of which terminal buildings, motorists may tune into DTW's travel info radio station, 920 AM, within two or three miles of the Airport.

Community Calendar

- **Detroit Swap Meet & Car Show** – The Detroit Swap Meet & Car Show will be held at the Michigan State Fair Exposition Center (1120 W. State Fair Avenue, near Woodward & Eight Mile in Detroit) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, and Sunday, January 5. Admission is \$5 for adults; children under 12 get in free. Parking (Woodward lot) is \$4. For more information, call 1-800-338-8662.
- **Coming Up at the Macomb Center** – Upcoming programs at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (located on the Macomb Community College campus, one mile east of Lakeside Mall at Hall/M-59 and Garfield roads in Clinton Township) include: "Magic and Illusion by Blackstone" (Saturday, January 11, at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$26 for adults/\$24 for students and senior citizens), "Moscow Festival Ballet" ("Paquita" and "Carmen" on Thursday, January 16, at 8 p.m., and "Giselle" on Friday, January 17, at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$25 for adults/\$23 for students and senior citizens), and "Sleeping Beauty on Ice" (Thursday, January 30, at 8 p.m., and Friday, January 31, at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$33 for golden circle/\$29 for adults/\$26 for students and senior citizens). For ticket information, call the Macomb Center box office (810-236-2222) or Ticketmaster (810-645-6666).
- **HCT Presents Vanities** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) will present *Vanities* – a Second Stage Production, directed by Dawn Daniels, of the bitter-sweet comedy by Jack Heifner – during the weekends of January 17–19 and January 24–26. Call the HCT Box Office: 782-5380.
- **Help for Pregnant and Parenting Teens** – The Young Mothers Assistance Program (Y-MAP) offers pregnant and parenting teens help with community-resource referrals, monthly support groups, personal counseling, and more. For information, call 313-513-7598.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** – The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its regular meetings, held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting date, due to the New Year holiday: January 8) at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Needs You!** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is already working to bring the first annual Pumpkin Festival to our downtown area in September 1997. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. (Next meeting date: January 16.) For more information, call Susan Watts at 941-0476.
- **BHGC Feeds the Hungry** – The Beverly House of God Church (34156 Beverly Road, Romulus) – with its motto of "Tell them that you love them; show them that you care; reach beyond the church" – offers meals to those in need each Monday and Wednesday (except holidays) from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Dr. Lovell Wooden, Senior Pastor, at 729-6440.
- **Donations Sought** – American Indian Services, a nonprofit organization, is in need of donations, not only during the holiday season but all year round. Donations of nonperishable food, toys (can be used, but must be clean and in good condition), and other items such as clothes and blankets (again, need not be new), soap, and paper products will be gratefully accepted, as will donations of furniture and appliances (need not be new, but should be in good working order) and cash gifts (make checks payable to "American Indian Services"). Drop-offs may be made at The Outpost (located at 18855 Wahrman Road, New Boston) any day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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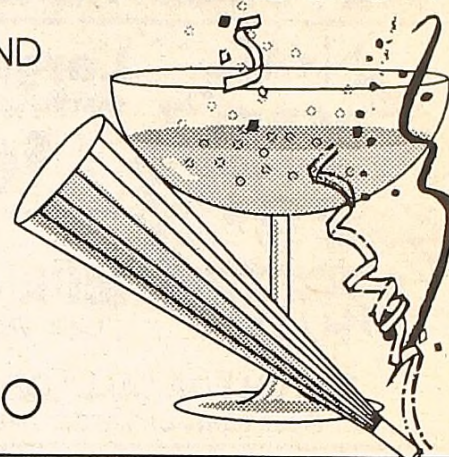
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How To Survive Those Holiday Blues

Has the holiday season arrived without you?

Since we can't control the season's arrival, it's not unusual for adults to feel out-of-synch with the holiday crowd. These tips from Oakwood Healthcare System behavioral medicine professionals might help you pick up your spirits and see you through.

Start New Traditions

Since "tradition" is one of the hallmarks of the holidays, you might feel acutely sad if it's not possible to carry out some of your usual traditions. If you have recently lost a loved one, if the holiday season is the anniversary of such a loss, or if your living situation has changed in the past year and you are away from loved ones, remember that you can start new holiday traditions. They may not seem like much at first, but if you are able to repeat them over the next few years, they'll begin to feel comfortable.

Participate When You Can

If you're feeling blue, it's difficult to have much enthusiasm for social expectations such as gift-giving or party-going. Participate at a level that feels comfortable to you, but try not

to isolate yourself entirely. A little participation might lift your spirits.

Take Care of Yourself

The holiday season is a good time to spend evenings with a good book or quiet music. Write letters to friends and loved ones instead of sending cards. By staying involved in some activity, you may find your mood lifting.

Volunteer Your Time

There are many social-service programs for people in need over the holidays. Taking time to participate, if only for a few hours, can be a good way out of the holiday doldrums and help bring season's greetings to others at the same time.

Talk Things Out

Many adults experience holiday blues. If you are not able to compensate for it in some other way, or feel that the "blues" might be drifting into depression, seek help.

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Remember: We can't control the season's arrival, but there are some things we can do to pick up our spirits and see us through it. A little effort, a little planning, and a little imagination can be the key to getting the best of those holiday blues. □

This Holiday Season, Be "First a Friend"

Cyberspace is all the rage this year, so why not give your holiday party a cyberkick by including "Mocha Megabyte" among the beverage choices? Or maybe your guests would prefer an "On-Lime Mango Margarita Byte" or a "Kahlua Keyboard (.COM Cooler)."

Recipes for these and other cyberspace-themed holiday drinks can be found in AAA Michigan's "Great Pretenders Party Guide," a booklet of alcohol-free drink recipes available free at all Auto Club branch offices.

"The purpose of the party guide is to help reduce alcohol-related highway deaths and injuries, especially during the holiday season, when these numbers tend to rise," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Last year's Christmas and New Year's holiday period claimed 30 lives in 28 traffic crashes Statewide. Seven of those victims lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes."

The theme of the Auto Club's 16th annual "Great Pretenders Party Guide" is "Holiday Cheer in Cyberspace." It features 15 recipes by Michigan residents who were selected as finalists in three regional "Zero-Proof Mix-Off" contests held in October. Finalist drinks were selected based on taste, appearance, and adherence to the contest theme.

Recipes from residents statewide include "On-Lime Mango Margarita Byte" by Betsy Tjapkes, first-place winner of the Traverse City regional contest; "Mocha Megabyte" by Dion

Frischer, first-place winner of the Birmingham regional contest; and "Kahlua Keyboard (.COM Cooler)" by Jan Smith, first-place winner of the Grand Rapids regional contest.

The booklet, distributed through many traffic safety organizations, also contains favorite alcohol-free drinks from members of the Michigan media. They include Micheline Maynard, Detroit Bureau Chief, USATODAY; Chuck Stokes, Editorial/Public Affairs Director, WXYZ-TV, Channel 7, Detroit; Dennis Tanner, News Editor, Booth Newspapers, Lansing; Cliff Russel, Talk Show Host/Program Director, WCHB-AM, Detroit/Professor of Communication, Wayne State University; Chris Holman, Talk Show Host, WJIM-AM, Lansing; and Suzanne Geha, News Anchor, WOOD-TV, Channel 8, Grand Rapids.

Among the party tips listed in the booklet:

- Serve a variety of nonalcoholic beverages (like the drinks below).
- Put away the alcohol after a reasonable time, and make it known that coffee and desserts are available.
- Slow down the drinking rate of your guests with lively talk, party games, and lots of good food — especially food rich in starch or protein.
- Encourage car-pooling among your guests. Give a small gift to all designated drivers.

The guide and contests are all part of AAA Michigan's "First A Friend, Then A Host" holiday alcohol-awareness campaign.

The following recipes are reprinted from AAA Michigan's "The Great Pretenders Party Guide."



Mocha Megabyte

(makes 1 serving)

1 t. instant coffee granules
1 T. hot water
2 T. cold water
2 T. whipping cream, unwhipped
2 ice cubes
3 T. chocolate instant pudding powder
3/4 c. nonfat chocolate frozen yogurt (Haagen-Dazs preferred)
sweetened whipped cream for garnish
Pour instant coffee granules into blender. Add hot water. Blend for a few seconds until coffee is dissolved. Add cold water, whipping cream, and ice cubes, and blend until ice is crushed. Add chocolate instant pudding powder and blend until powder is dissolved. Add chocolate frozen yogurt, blend until smooth. Pour into stemmed glass. Garnish with dollop of sweetened whipped cream.

On-Lime Mango Margarita Byte

(makes 1 serving)

4 oz. Ocean Spray Mango, Mango juice
2 oz. Chiquita Caribbean Splash concentrate
1 oz. frozen lemonade concentrate
1 oz. frozen limeade concentrate
2 oz. Squirt
wedge of lime
salt
4 oz. ice

Blend first five ingredients together on high until the mixture is slushy. Run lime wedge around the rim of serving glass. Dip rim into salt to coat (optional). Garnish with citrus fruit.

Kahlua Keyboard (.COM Cooler)

(makes 1 serving)

1 1/2 c. frozen vanilla yogurt
2 T. Kahlua Cafe (General Foods International Coffees)
1/2 c. boiling water
1/2 t. vanilla extract
1/4 c. Hazelnut (International Delight Nondairy Creamer)
1/4 c. 7-Up
1/4 c. whipped cream

Dissolve Kahlua Cafe into boiling water. Cool. Blend together ingredients until smooth and creamy. Pour into serving glasses. Top off with whipped cream. Garnish with chocolate shavings. □

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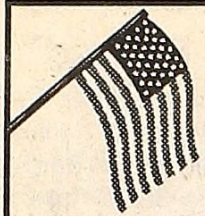
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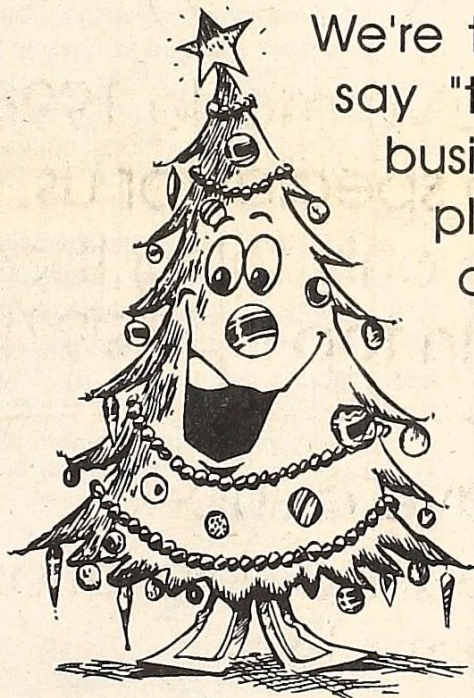
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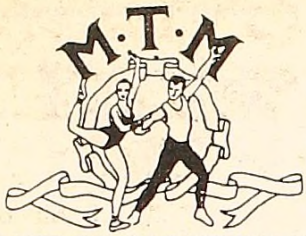
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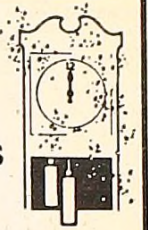
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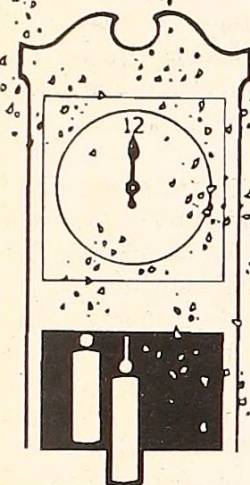
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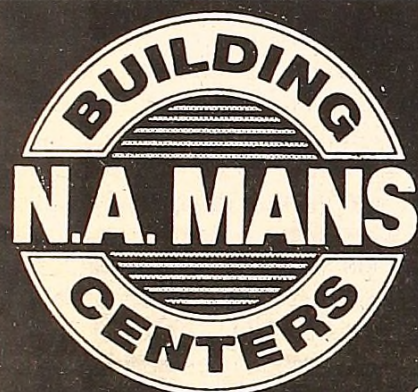


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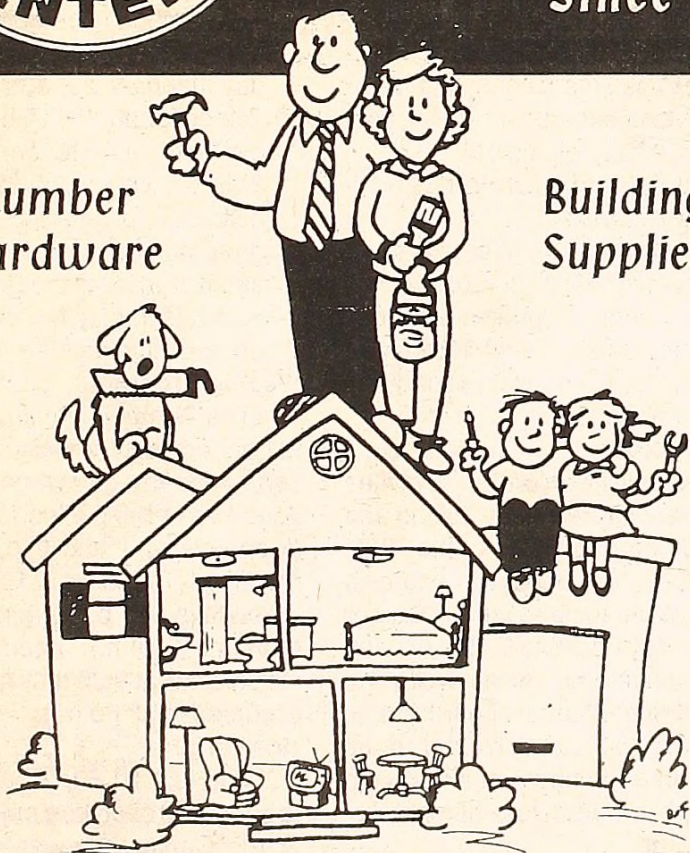
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Young people around the world are learning to be such mediators for their peers – and among them are 23 Romulus Middle School students, who have just completed two days of intense training in "conflict resolution," a part of the process for becoming a peer mediator. The workshop was conducted by a certified trainer, Linda Bradfield, a counselor at Romulus Middle School, and Diane Vidovic, a social worker at Romulus Adolescent Health Center.

Fifteen of the students began serving as peer mediators at the beginning of the second quarter (November 11). They are: (seventh grade) Paul Brown, Laura Colbert, Dana Dawson, Nicholas Druyer, Bridgette Miller, Erica Neckar,

Ashley Bunyon, John Schenedar, Charles Searcy, Melissa Thornton, and Jessica Williams; and (eighth grade) Aimee Fisher, Tishona Gregory, Jamie Hook, Warren Howard, Keith Hubbard, Crystal Humble, Brandon Olson, Shawna Pattenau, Christopher Talley, John Wester, Aria Woods, and Rashad Woods.

Six of the mediators and their sponsor, Linda Bradfield, had an opportunity to participate in a County-wide Diversity Youth Conference at Detroit Mercy College on November 22. Information obtained from the conference was excellent in helping the students plan their "Peace Month" program, which they are sponsoring to promote the use of mediators to solve disputes. The advisor class with the lowest number of referrals to the Assistant Principal's office for the month of December, in both the seventh and eighth grades, will receive a pizza party.

What better time to have a Peace Month than December!

Students encouraging peers will make a big difference. "Let the Peace Begin." □

Cory Kids Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Cory Elementary School students, whose weeks of hard work paid off when they were named to the honor roll for the first card-marking of the 1996–1997 school year.

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who made the principal's honor roll.)

Mr. Blackburn's Class

Christopher Bostain, Taritonye Burutolu, Maranda Cushman, Sherri Davis, Austin Gresham, Della Hamby, Cynthia Hendre, Jamie Henne, Beth Swauger, Cassie Wilson.

Ms. Gilkey's Class

Stacey Clarke, Jessica Deverich, *Carissa Drobil, Shaenna Kettlewell, Shekiyah Taylor, Kiera Wilson.

Ms. Heinzelman's Class

Kyleen Calloway, Chris Conley, *Kelly Hardway, Falcia Modzynski, Andrew Rodger, Ta-Kara Roquemore.

Ms. Kirk's Class

Stephanie Jones, Nicole Liendo, Corie McKendry, Bryant Mosley, Jamie Ross, Ryan Tackett.

Ms. Pluff's Class

Alan Boiler, Sammantha Chapman, Demetrius Dew, Danna Fennoy, *Doloris Garry, Nicole Goodman, Anthony Groce, Cory Haynes, Brandy Little, Abbey Macey, *Johnnie Manier, Richard Reaume, Anne Ross, Khyla Ross, *Stephanie Schultz, Toni Walker, Sherika Wester, Lerodd Williams, Teresa Williams.

Ms. Price's Class

Lauren Belle, Chanisa Burnett, Ayibatari Burutolu, *Megan Crozier, Christina Gavin, Anthony Glimps, Christopher Ikeda, Jessica Moore, Tamara Mrazik, Brian Rodger, *Arlennea Savage, Sarah Varga, Shannon Wright. □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Holidays!

Here's a heartfelt "thank you" for the many beautiful cards and holiday wishes that I've received from everyone kind enough to keep me in their thoughts. To all my friends throughout the community, I'd like to send my best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of December: Fannie Archer, Taylor Byrd, Alexander Carr, Ralph Delap, Leona Dudley, Edith Godwin, Julia Horton, Wanda Kazulewski, Ella Lassetter, Lois Liske, Roy Livingston, Elizabeth Mack, Lucretia Maze, Verlie Selkirk, and Alice Simmons.

Substitute Bowlers Needed

Bowlers who could substitute during Senior League games on Mondays are asked to call the Center and leave their name and number. It's a nice way to have fun while helping out.

Change In Schedule for Free Blood-pressure Readings

Beginning in December, Community Emergency Medical Service will conduct its free blood-pressure checks at the Center on the fourth Monday of every month at 1 p.m. Next scheduled date: December 23.

Toning To Tape

The Romulus Senior Center invites those who are interested in looking and feeling better to make use of the Richard Simmons "Silver Foxes" exercise video, available for play at the Center every weekday from 9 to 9:45 a.m., and during some afternoons as well. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the popular "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the fall and winter months. There is no charge to participate in this program.

Closed for the Holidays

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, December 24; Wednesday, December 25; Tuesday, December 31; and Wednesday, January 1.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Niagara Falls** – Niagara Falls in the winter is a breathtaking sight, and local seniors will have a chance to enjoy it when they take this two-day/one-night trip, which departs January 9. The \$149 cost includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations, continental breakfast, two luncheons, "The Legendary Stars" at Carmen's, a Christmas lights tour, visits to the Rainforest Greenhouse and the Butterfly Conservatory, and a stop at the Maple Leaf Village Gambling Casino.

- **Day Trips** – Among several "day trips" that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center are one to a "Polish Party," complete with old-fashioned, homemade Polish goodies and great live music (Wednesday, January 29; \$35); and one to Toledo for an "Irish Shamrock" special with Hal Roach, the King of Blarney, whose outrageously funny collection of stories depicting the great humor of his own people has captivated audiences all over the world (Thursday, March 6; \$48). Sign up soon if interested.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); needlework/crafts (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

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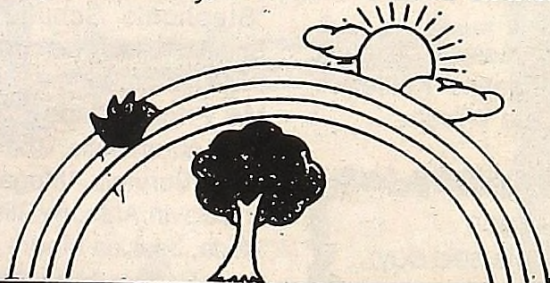
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REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 25, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 25, 1996 was called to order at 7:36 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed Member Langley absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Member Langley entered the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended as follows: Add VI.A. "VFW Voice of Democracy Awards" under Report of the Superintendent.

11/96/18 Moved by Gondek supported by Woods to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

11/96/19 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Woods to approve the Minutes of the November 11 and November 14, 1996 meetings as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Voice of Democracy Awards

Mr. Gary Carpenter presented the Voice of Democracy Awards to the following students from the Romulus High School: 1st Place – Becky Oleszkowicz; 2nd Place – Yolanda Buffington; 3rd Place – Ted Kesner.

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented the following personnel recommendations for Board approval.

TERMINATION: Calvin Rucker, Custodian, Effective 11/1/96; Paul Nowicki, Sub Custodian, Effective 11/5/96; and Anna Miller, Bus Driver, Effective 11/1/96.

11/96/20 Moved by Lenossi supported by Gondek to approve the personnel actions as submitted by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 (Woods). Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

11/96/21 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

North Central Status – Debbie Juriga and Gail Coleman

Debbie Juriga and Gail Coleman updated the Board of Education on our progress toward North Central Accreditation and responded to questions presented by members of the Administration and Board.

Re-Teaching Approval

11/96/22 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve elementary school re-teaching in the estimated amount of \$57,600.

11/96/23 Moved by Lenossi supported by Woods to table action on the above. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

State Resolution – Middle School Assistance

11/96/24 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached Resolution required by the State to gain technical assistance for the Middle School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Health Clinic Funding

11/96/25 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve a budget allocation of \$15,000 annually to the Health Center Clinic to support needed services from the District's one-time surplus. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Barons/Romulus Update

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, apprised the Board of Education of the events occurring at our School of Choice in Detroit and notified them that the decision from Judge McDonald has been postponed until December 17, 1996.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Ebony Sandusky requested Board approval to display condoms at the High School.

11/96/26 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to allow the display of condoms at the Romulus High School in recognition of World AIDS Day. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Various members of the audience discussed the following issues with the Board of Education: 1) High School French III and IV classes; 2) teacher contract; 3) spaghetti dinner benefit for Stephanie Smith on Tuesday, November 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and 4) accreditation of all Romulus schools.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judie Gondek asked if Phyllis Adkins is back to work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11/96/27 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Woods that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

11/96/28 Moved by Lenossi supported by Kesner that the Board meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Engagement

Charles Lee Hiveley/Carolyn Jean Fick

Proudly announcing their plans to marry are Charles Lee Hiveley of Romulus and Carolyn Jean Fick of Inkster.

The couple—who became engaged on October 26, 1996—will exchange their vows on July 12, 1997, in a ceremony to be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Taylor.

Attending the bride will be Pauline Bidwell and Pauline Arndt.

A reception at Roma's—Garden City will immediately follow.

Charles is the son of Charles J. Hiveley of Romulus.

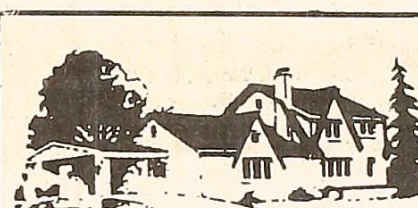
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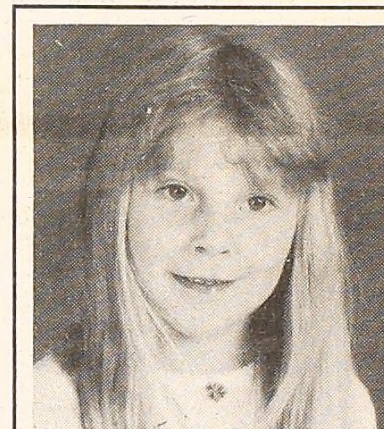
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Obituary

Charles Lau

Charles Lau of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, November 21, 1996. He was 92 years old.

Born December 21, 1903, Charles was a former Wayne County employee who was also involved in the Romulus Historical Society and local senior-citizens activities.

Surviving Charles are his daughter, Marilyn Vaught (Naples, FL); two sisters, Mrs. Virena Lyke (South Lyon, MI) and Mrs. Margarete Bowles (Naples, FL); and seven grandchildren. He was

predeceased by his wife, Evalyn E. (Koester) Lau; his son Charles; and his brother Clayton.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 25, at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Bradford Lewis officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home.

Memorial tributes may be made to Community United Methodist Church of Romulus. □

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